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Examiner: Swapneel CHHAYA

In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s): Takamitsu YAMANAKA U.S. Serial No.: 10/577,457 U.S. Filing Date: April 27, 2006 International Serial No.: PCT/JP2005/014208 International Filing Date: August 3, 2005 <u>AMENDMENT</u> Priority Date Claimed: August 17, 2004 For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND ITS MANUFACTURING **METHOD** Attorney Reference: AI 409NP September 24, 2009

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed on June 24, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: